

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
HEARING OF JANUARY 16, 2008**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**9:00 A.M.**

**JANUARY 16, 2007**

**PRESENT:**

<b>COMMISSIONERS:</b>	<b>Paul Biane</b>	<b>Larry McCallon</b>
	<b>Bob Colven, Chairman</b>	<b>Brad Mitzelfelt, Alternate</b>
	<b>James V. Curatalo, Alternate</b>	<b>Mark Nuaimi</b>
	<b>Kimberly Cox</b>	<b>Richard P. Pearson</b>
	<b>Dennis Hansberger, Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Diane Williams, Alternate</b>

**STAFF:**                   **Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer**  
                              **Samuel Martinez, LAFCO Analyst**  
                              **Michael Tuerpe, LAFCO Analyst**  
                              **Anna Raef, Clerk to the Commission**  
                              **Angela Schell, Deputy Clerk to the Commission**

**ABSENT:**

**COMMISSIONERS:   None**

**REGULAR SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – 9:07 A.M.**

Chairman Colven calls the regular session of the Local Agency Formation Commission to order and leads the flag salute.

Chairman Colven requests those present who are involved with any of the changes of organization to be considered today by the Commission and have made a contribution of more than \$250 within the past twelve months to any member of the Commission to come forward and state for the record their name, the member to whom the contribution has been made, and the matter of consideration with which they are involved. There are none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007**

Chairman Colven calls for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes. There are none. Commissioner Pearson moves approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cox. Chairman Colven calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Biane, Colven, Cox, Hansberger, McCallon, Nuaimi, Pearson. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**PRESENTATION OF CALAFCO AWARD TO COMMISSIONER BIANE**

LAFCO Executive Officer Kathleen Rollings-McDonald states she has been asked by the CALAFCO Board to present a certificate of recognition to Commissioner Paul Biane thanking him for his service and recognizing his contributions to the CALAFCO Executive Board. She shares that the certificate was adopted in August and was originally sent to the previous address for San Bernardino LAFCO, then forwarded to Santa Barbara LAFCO, and was given to Ms. McDonald in Sacramento at a meeting there. Ms. McDonald presents the certificate to Commissioner Biane and states the CALAFCO Board has expressed that it would like Commissioner Biane to return as soon as possible after his responsibilities as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are over. Commissioner Biane expresses his appreciation for this award.

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

LAFCO considers the items listed under its consent calendar. The consent calendar consists of:

- ITEM 2. Approval of Executive Officer's Expense Report
- ITEM 3. Ratify Payments as Reconciled for Months of November and December 2007 and Note Cash Receipts
- ITEM 4. Consideration of: (1) Review of Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared by City of Hesperia for Tentative Tract 15491 to Create 108 Single-Family Residential Lots on 30.5 Acres, as CEQA Responsible Agency for LAFCO SC#322; and (2) LAFCO SC #322 – Hesperia Water District Agreement for Annexation and Provision of Utility Service No. EOS-2007-09 for Water and Sewer Service (Hesperia 111 Lots, LLC)
- ITEM 5. Adoption of LAFCO Resolution No. 2986 for LAFCO 3001 – Sphere of Influence Expansion for the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District and Reduction of the Spheres of Influence for the Central Valley Fire Protection District, Lake Arrowhead Fire Protection District, Forest Falls Fire Protection District and County Service Area 38  
**(Continued from November 28, 2007 Hearing)**

A Travel Claim and Visa Justifications for the Executive Officer's expense report, as well as staff reports outlining the staff recommendations for the reconciled payments, and the other consent items, have been prepared and a copy of each is on file in the LAFCO office and are made a part of the record by their reference here. Notice of these consent items has been advertised as required by law through publication in The Sun, a newspaper of general circulation. Individual mailed notice of the mitigated negative declaration was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, those agencies and individuals requesting mailed notice and landowners and registered voters within and surrounding the LAFCO SC#322 service contract area pursuant to State law and Commission policy.

Chairman Colven asks if there is anyone present wishing to discuss any of the consent calendar items. There is no one.

Commissioner Cox moves approval of the staff recommendations for the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Chairman Colven calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Biane, Colven, Cox, Hansberger, McCallon, Nuaimi, Pearson. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**CONTINUED/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

LAFCO conducts a hearing to review and accept the audit report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007. Notice of the hearing was advertised as required by law through publication in The Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the area, pursuant to State law and Commission policy.

Michael Tuerpe, LAFCO Analyst, presents the staff report and states LAFCO staff is available to answer questions, as well as Lynne Netty, Audit Manager with Moreland and Associates, independent auditors. Ms. Netty states she wishes to discuss a new auditing standard (Statement

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of Auditing Standards 114) effective for the June 30, 2008 audit, which defines the responsibilities of those "charged with governance" regarding future audits. The article, which was provided to the Commissioners, states that the new standard narrows the expectation gap by giving a better understanding of what auditors do when auditing LAFCO. It asks that one member of the Commission attend a planning meeting, either in person or by phone, and be available during the course of the audit and at the exit portion of the audit, as well as being included in the review of financial statements. She explains that this would give Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions of the auditors in order to be able to provide answers to other members of the Commission. Moreland and Associates will offer training for Special Districts.

Commissioner Hansberger asks if there is a difference in auditing standards for special districts and county service areas. Ms. McDonald states that, for audit purposes, a county service area and a fire protection district, or a park and recreation district, are no different. She states there is an annual auditing requirement. Ms. McDonald notes that the Commission would come under the same requirements of the government standard.

Chairman Colven asks if it fair to assume the Commission is solvent. Ms. Netty states it is a fair assumption. Commissioner Hansberger points out that the audit report indicates that LAFCO has negative assets. Ms. Netty states the reason relates to deferred or unearned revenue. She explains that application fees are collected in advance and because LAFCO sets milestones on how those are recognized, a portion of those fees must be deferred and considered unearned, although the cash has been collected and is being used for current resources.

Commissioner McCallon states that, excluding the unearned revenue, the report still shows negative assets. Ms. Netty states the agency is still solvent and is able to perform its duties. Commissioner McCallon expresses concern about this financial statement and comments that as a City Councilmember of the City of Highland, that city prides itself on its balanced budget.

Ms. McDonald states that included in the negative assets are compensated absences which are monies held for absences on the books and other things, but those funds are not used. Commissioner McCallon states that it is still a potential liability.

Chairman Colven asks if there is anyone present wishing to discuss this item. There is no one.

Commissioner Nuaimi moves approval of the staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Cox. Chairman Colven calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Biane, Colven, Cox, Hansberger, McCallon, Nuaimi, Pearson. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2007 HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF LAFCO 3000 – REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATIONS TO THE YUCCA VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, RENAMING THE EXPANDED AGENCY THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, DETACHMENTS FROM CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, RENAME THE REDUCED DISTRICT THE FONTANA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISH IT AS A SUBSIDIARY DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FONTANA, DISSOLUTION OF THE FOREST FALLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LAKE ARROWHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY SERVICE AREA 38 AND ITS VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT ZONES, COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70 IMPROVEMENT ZONES FP-1, FP-5 AND PM-1, REMOVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION, AMBULANCE, AND/OR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS POWERS FROM COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND THEIR IMPROVEMENT ZONES AND TRANSFERRING THAT AUTHORITY TO THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE**

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**PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE ZONES WITHIN THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS: VALLEY SERVICE ZONE, MOUNTAIN SERVICE ZONE, NORTH DESERT SERVICE ZONE, SOUTH DESERT SERVICE ZONE, SERVICE ZONE FP-1 (RED MOUNTAIN), SERVICE ZONE FP-2 (WINDY ACRES), SERVICE ZONE FP-3 (EL MIRAGE), SERVICE ZONE FP-4 (WONDER VALLEY), SERVICE ZONE FP-5 (HELENDALE), SERVICE ZONE PM-1 (LAKE ARROWHEAD PARAMEDIC), SERVICE ZONE PM-2 (HIGHLAND PARAMEDIC) AND SERVICE ZONE PM-3 (YUCAIPA PARAMEDIC) (KNOWN AS THE "COUNTY FIRE REORGANIZATION")**

LAFCO conducts a public hearing to consider LAFCO 3000, as described above, identified as the County Fire Reorganization. Notice of the original hearing was advertised as required by law through publication in The Sun, Desert Dispatch, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Hi-Desert Star, Big Bear Life & Grizzly, Fontana Herald News, Crestline Courier, Mountain News, Parker Pioneer, Needles Desert Star, and Alpenhorn News, newspapers of general circulation in the area, through an 1/8<sup>th</sup> page ad in lieu of individual notice to landowners and registered voters. Individual mailed notice was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, and those individuals and agencies requesting mailed notice pursuant to State law and Commission policy.

Ms. McDonald states today will provide closure on one of the longest-running projects in LAFCO history, and states this project has been the most difficult and controversial in terms of staff work and impact on the residents of our County and beyond. She states that today the only discussion necessary relates to County Community Facilities District No. 2002-2. She says included in the materials provided is Condition No. 30, which is designed to transfer responsibilities for implementation of this CFD to the Fontana Fire Protection District, which will be the renamed Central Valley Fire Protection District. She states staff of County Fire, Land Use Services, Redevelopment Agency, County Administrative Office and Board of Supervisors have worked together with LAFCO staff to resolve these issues. She states that implementation of the requirements for CFD 2002-2, include: 1) new developments within the San Sevaire Redevelopment Area are to be annexed to the CFD to provide for maintenance and operation funding; 2) outlining what new development means. Ms. McDonald notes that the materials before the Commissioners refer to Exhibit "OO," that exhibit should be labeled Exhibit "QQ" and outlines the boundaries anticipated for this agency over time. She says this requirement will be applied to new development as defined in the formation documents for CFD 2002-2 and it has been agreed that new development will be development of vacant lands or parcels that have been demolished and reconstructed. This will not apply to room additions or similar types of construction. She states, as the staff report notes, one of the problems is the implementation of this requirement over the five-year existence of this CFD, having only been applied three times. There have been a number of new developments that have not been annexed to the CFD. She explains that the only way to rectify this situation is to propose the annexation to the CFD and the current property owner would have to agree. However, if one was informed about paying the fee of \$623 per acre for development that is being completed, whether one would actually annex is questionable. However, from this point forward, through the Fontana Fire Protection District and Land Use Services, agreement has been reached that this mechanism will be employed and in the future it will be handled in a more comprehensive manner. Ms. McDonald states that staff has worked through the current parcels involved in the CFD. She states that since 2002, these parcels have been combined, resubdivided, and lot line adjustments made; however, what is before the Commission provides the current parcels included within CFD 2002-2. Ms. McDonald states the rest of resolution outlines the conditions to implement decisions made by this Commission over the past several months. She states that there are several items in the staff report she would like to review.

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Condition No. 8 proposes to resolve the fire protection, ambulance, paramedic and disaster preparedness powers from multi-function county service areas, to consolidate these efforts solely within the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. She points out that this condition indicates that prior to the issuance of the certificate of completion the County will be required to take the actions outlined in Government Code Section 25210.39 to eliminate the miscellaneous extended services from those that are offered by these county service areas. She states that Exhibit MM provides the listing of the agencies and services that they will be authorized following completion of this proposal.

She states that Condition No. 9 provides for the transfer of the property tax revenues associated with the dissolving entities, i.e., Lake Arrowhead Fire Protection District, Forest Falls Fire Protection District, and County Service Area 38. She explains this also requires that the monies are transferred to successor service zones. A listing is provided as to where the monies will go and this list will provide direction to the County Auditor/Controller to shift the tax rate areas distribution so they are securing those revenues.

She states Condition No. 13 discusses the transfer of employees and identifies employees of County Service Area 70, sometimes known as "County Fire," "County Fire Department," "San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District," or the dissolving of Lake Arrowhead Fire, Forest Falls, and CSA 38 and its improvement zones. She states all of these employees will be transferred to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District at their current rates of pay, and including accrued vacation, sick leave, etc. As of the effective date of this reorganization, all contracts for contract employees, temporary or limited-term, shall transfer to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. She continues that all obligations of the predecessor agencies, CSA 70, or dissolving entities to the San Bernardino County Employees Retirement Association, shall continue, and they shall be obligated to pay for the retirement bonds for unfunded retirement liabilities and administrative costs. She states that LAFCO staff believes this provides for security to the County Fire employees in their entirety and provides for no break in service through the transfer from CSA 70 to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District status.

She states that Condition No. 17 provides for the designation of appropriation limits for the agencies that are being reorganized or created; those appropriation limits are provided in a chart on page 6. For example, the Yucca Valley Protection District has an \$85,000,000 appropriation limit, and it will be used as the parent district as well as a service provider in the South Desert Service Zone; 90 percent of that appropriation will be assigned to the parent district and 10 percent to the service zone for fire suppression activities. She states that the calculation for these appropriation limits is provided in each case. This condition also states the governing body of the successor districts shall be obligated to annually establish an appropriation limit all of the entities. Ms. McDonald states LAFCO staff believes the Gann limit provisions (Section 3, Article XIII(b) of the State Constitution) allow for this to take place.

She states that Condition No. 18 discusses a requirement for property tax transfers for the multi-function agencies and the County is obligated to undertake a process to correct and transfer the property tax revenues (Revenue and Taxation Code 99.02). She says it is required that this be completed prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion on this proposal. That includes transfer of revenues relative to CSA 70 for fire administration purposes. Ms. McDonald notes that Exhibit "LL" is incorrect; it should be "NN."

She states that Condition No. 22 discusses the transfer of facilities and shows the parcels that are owned or leased for fire protection purposes and this exhibit outlines the actions to be taken to

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transfer to the County Fire Protection District or to renew lease agreements. She points out that there are a number of multi-function agencies that have fire protection facilities on parcels that also occupy parks or other facilities. The County will be required to take the actions necessary to lease from these multi-function entities these facilities until some future date when action to divide the parcels, if they are of sufficient size, and transfer ownership. She emphasizes that this is required prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

She states that Conditions Nos. 24 and 28 relate to decisions made by the Commission regarding service delivery for specific stations through the Fontana Fire Protection District and the Bloomington community through the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. She states that the overhead display map identifies the two stations for Fontana Fire, Stations 72 and 73, and the San Bernardino County Fire facility, Station 76. She says Condition No. 29 identifies the requirement for the development of Station 80. She states that at the Commissioners' places today are copies of the Board of Supervisors' agenda item from the January 8, 2008 meeting where advertisements for bids for Station 80 were approved. She says a finding has been included in the resolution identifying the agreement that the County will continue to develop this station through the Fontana Fire Protection District. She brings to the Commission's attention Condition No. 25 which requires that the Fontana Fire Protection District and the County provide LAFCO staff with a contract for this service delivery to the Fontana Fire Protection District through County Fire, prior to the issuance of the certificate. She says that Condition No. 31 provides for the appropriation limit for the new Fontana Fire Protection District (former Central Valley) and for Community Facilities District No. 2002-2. She explains that a portion of the Central Valley appropriation limit was assigned to the Valley Service Zone, but 78 percent of that appropriation limit has been assigned to the residual Central Valley Fire Protection District. She says that the governing body is required by Article XIII(b) to annually adjust this appropriation limit.

Ms. McDonald concludes and states that the legal descriptions were not provided to the Commission, but they will be included in the resolution when it is distributed indicating approval of this proposal. Ms. McDonald states that LAFCO staff recommends adoption of this resolution reflecting the actions necessary to reorganize the County Fire Department and move this forward to the protest proceeding that is required.

Ms. McDonald expresses her thanks to County staff, County Fire staff, County Auditor-Controller, the GIMS division, and all of the people LAFCO staff called upon to assist in preparing and analyzing this proposal. She states this has been a long road, but one that will set the stage to help the County improve its level of service to its constituents. She thanks County Fire and County Administrative staff for assisting with LAFCO staff's many requests for information, clarification of that information, and requests for clarification of the clarification. She believes this is a monumental moment for this Commission and asks that it adopt the resolution.

Chairman Colven asks if there is anyone present wishing to discuss this item. Commissioner Biane moves approval of the staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner McCallon. Chairman Colven asks if there is any discussion on the motion. Commissioner Nuaimi refers to page 6, the section on appropriations limits, and asks about the 90 percent of the prior appropriations limit assigned to the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District. He refers to the balance showing an allocation to CSA 70 as part of the 2007-08 property and special tax revenues and asks if that should be the balance from the \$85,000,000 less the \$76,000,000 – it appears that it is 10 percent of the \$76,000,000. Ms. McDonald states the revenue column is the actual property tax revenue received from CSA 70 and the purpose is to show that there is sufficient appropriation limit authority to expend the property tax revenues that have been received and this shows that none of the Yucca

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Valley Fire Protection District revenues will be used in the umbrella agency; revenues will be CSA 70 and other revenues. She explains Gann limits apply only to property tax.

Commissioner Mitzelfelt states Condition No. 30 refers to conditions of approval upon new development within the San Sevaire Redevelopment Area to annex the CFD 2002-2 for funding of fire protection services and to pay the annual special tax outlined in the formation document. He asks if this refers to just the special tax or facilities mitigation. Ms. McDonald states it is not for facilities mitigation and explains that CFD 2002-1 is for the Kaiser Commerce Specific Plan related to facilities funding and 2002-2 was designed and implemented only for fire protection maintenance and operation with an assigned per-acre tax. He asks if the County could require a development to annex to the CFD, thereby being subject to this special tax which would pay for operation and maintenance as a condition of approval. Ms. McDonald states that is correct.

Chairman Colven calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Biane, Colven, Cox, Hansberger, McCallon, Nuaimi, Pearson. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **PENDING LEGISLATION REPORT**

Ms McDonald states she has distributed an email from Bill Chiatt, Executive Director of CALAFCO, who has provided an outline of the change to SB301 which will extend the VLF subvention sunset currently set to expire in July, but sending it forward to 2014.

Ms. McDonald refers to SB375, the sustainable communities legislation, and states the Governor has now expressed an interest in that issue. She states future discussions will be held about language related to LAFCOs, as it is silent on the issues of service providers and water. She explains that SB375 solely relates to decisions made on transportation corridors and the requirement for a specific land use in those corridors.

Ms. McDonald reports that the legislative committee meeting for CALAFCO is scheduled for January 25, 2008 in the Ontario offices of BBK. Ms. McDonald will provide at the next hearing an outline of new information.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Ms. McDonald states that Commissioner Sedano has, in fact, moved to Laughlin, NV and has resigned his position from the Commission. The process for the alternate public member position is scheduled to begin in January and a review of the candidates will take place at the April hearing. She states the process requires that LAFCO provide 30 days notice for the public to apply for the position. Ms. McDonald asks that the Commission adopt a resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Sedano for presentation at the February hearing.

Ms. McDonald announces that Ms. Cox's term of office expires May 1, 2008, so the process for the Special Districts Selection Committee will begin. She states the Committee meeting will be held February 25, 2008, prior to the San Bernardino County Special Districts Association meeting. She explains that representatives from 26 Special Districts must be present to constitute a quorum, and a quorum has not been met for the last two meetings. She states that if a quorum is not met, the vote will be taken by mailed ballot, which process will probably take until June, as it is required that it be done by certified mail with 30 days notice for nominations and 30 days for voting. Ms. McDonald asks the Special Districts representatives to encourage other Special Districts to attend on February 25 in order to conduct the election at that time.

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Commissioner Biane asks what the process is for replacing a public member. Ms. McDonald states LAFCO has a policy whereby a notice for solicitation of nominations is circulated. The only requirement is that the candidate cannot be a public official; the candidate cannot work for or be a Board member of a City or Special District. Ms. McDonald explains that notice is provided to all City Clerks, independent special districts, and libraries and notice is published in the newspapers asking for nominations. She says potential candidates may submit a letter to the LAFCO office seeking appointment. She explains that the review process requires that the successful candidate must receive one vote from each category on the Commission; that is, four votes are required, but must include at least one vote from a Board of Supervisors' member, one vote from a City member, and one vote from a Special District member. She explains further that if staff receives a number of applications, a committee comprised of one Commissioner from each category would review the applications and nominate three or four applicants for consideration by the Commission. She states, however, that in the past only three or four applications have been submitted in total.

Commissioner McCallon moves approval of the staff recommendation to present former Commissioner Tony Sedano with a resolution at the February hearing, seconded by Commissioner Cox. Chairman Colven calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Biane, Colven, Cox, Hansberger, McCallon, Nuaimi, Pearson. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Ms. McDonald states she has provided each Commissioner with a copy of Revenues and Responsibilities in Inventory of Local Tax Powers. This document was provided by the Senate Local Government Committee consultant and it provides information on mechanisms for generating revenue.

Ms. McDonald announces that the February meeting should be relatively light and does include a closed session for the purpose of conducting Ms. McDonald's employee evaluation by the Commission. Mary Alcock of Alcock and McFadden will attend. She says that Ms. Alcock asked Ms. McDonald to convey to the Commission that a few of the Commissioners have not returned the evaluations and requested that they do so as soon as possible.

Ms. McDonald announces that the February agenda will include municipal service reviews for the Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District and CSA 29 (Lucerne Valley). The mid-year budget review and fee schedule update will also be included on the February agenda. She states that in March, the Newberry Springs, Daggett and Yermo CSD Municipal Service Reviews are tentatively scheduled. She says this will be a rather involved review, as there are serious financial issues which must be considered. The March agenda will also tentatively include dissolution of the Victorville Fire, Park and Sanitary Districts, as proposed by the City of Victorville. She states the April agenda will include the annual budget and fee schedule review, the Apple Valley community Municipal Service Review, which includes the Town of Apple Valley, Apple Valley Fire Protection District, CSA 60, and a number of County water districts in the southeastern area.

Commissioner Pearson commends Ms. McDonald for her efforts in bringing the County Fire Reorganization to completion and states this project will be a major improvement to the provision of service to the citizens of the County. Commissioner Hansberger adds his commendation and comments that San Diego County does not have a Fire Department, and this was an issue during the last fires. Ms. McDonald thanks the Commission and states this issue is of paramount importance to a County of this size. She adds that the transportation corridors that move through San Bernardino County deserves the best service that can be offered and again thanks the County departments that assisted with completion of this proposal. Commissioner Nuaimi adds his thanks

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on behalf of the City of Fontana. Commissioner Hansberger adds his appreciation for the way this proposal was managed and states that the State's reorganization of the courts is not going well; for example, in Big Bear, the building which houses the Courts also houses the County Building Department, requiring that anyone who visits that building must go through a metal detector. Ms. McDonald agreed that the "devil is in the details," and the details of this proposal were such that it took over four months to review each parcel to determine that everything was accounted for appropriately.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Cox announces that she will seek reelection to the Special Districts' seat on the Commission and appreciates the support of her fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Colven comments that he is surprised that the Commission has not received many comments from the community with reference to the Fire Reorganization. Ms. McDonald states the proposal has been advertised heavily. She comments that most citizens are only concerned that a firefighter or paramedic responds to their home when there is a need and do not really care how the service is funded or managed. Commissioner Mitzelfelt reiterated that most citizens will not have an opinion until or if they see visible signs of the change.

Ms. McDonald states that she will provide, at the next hearing, an update on County Service Area law rewrite.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Colven calls for comments from the public. There are none.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE  
HEARING IS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 A.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**ANNA M. RAEF**  
Clerk to the Commission

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**ROBERT W. COLVEN, Chairman**